

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of the claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A fluid reservoir comprising:

a reservoir tank for holding a fluid therein, said tank being positionable at an upper portion of an engine compartment of a vehicle;

a bracket connected with the tank and mountable to the vehicle; and

an attaching portion arranged with the bracket and configured so that the tank is movable when the tank receives an impact force thereto larger than a predetermined value;

wherein the attaching portion comprises a boss portion fixable to the vehicle and a flange portion arranged around the boss portion and connected to the tank;

the flange portion being movable with respect to the boss portion so as to absorb the impact force to the tank,

wherein the attaching portion comprises a plurality of rib portions connecting the boss portion to the flange portion, said rib portions being spaced apart circumferentially with cavities formed therebetween and lie in a same plane as said flange portion; and

the rib portions are fracturable so that the tank is moved with respect to the vehicle when the tank is impacted.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A fluid reservoir comprising:

a reservoir tank for holding a fluid therein, said tank being positionable at an upper portion of an engine compartment of a vehicle;

a bracket connected with the tank and mountable to the vehicle; and

an attaching portion arranged with the bracket and configured so that the tank is movable when the tank receives an impact force thereto larger than a predetermined value;

the attaching portion comprises a boss portion fixable to the vehicle and a flange portion arranged around the boss portion and connected to the tank;

the flange portion being movable with respect to the boss portion so as to absorb the impact force to the tank;

wherein the attaching portion comprises a plurality of rib portions connecting the boss portion to the flange portion;

the rib portions are spaced apart circumferentially with cavities formed therebetween and lie in a same plane as said flange portion and are fracturable so that the tank is movable with respect to the vehicle when the tank is impacted; and

wherein the attaching portion further comprises a plurality of thin plane portions that connect the boss portion to the flange portion and are arranged between the rib portions; and

the thin plane portions are fracturable so that tank is movable with respect to the vehicle when the tank is impacted.

Claims 7-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A fluid reservoir comprising:

a reservoir tank for holding a fluid therein, said tank being positionable at an upper portion of an engine compartment of a vehicle;

a bracket connected with the tank and being connectable to the vehicle;

an attaching portion arranged with the bracket and being fixable to the vehicle; and

a connecting portion arranged with the bracket to connect the attaching portion to the tank and being configured so that the tank is movable with respect to the vehicle to absorb an impact force that acts on the tank when the tank receives an impact force larger than a predetermined value, said connecting portion having ~~[[a]] rib portion~~ deforming portions defining a concavity therebetween;

wherein the connecting portion comprises a notch portion that is defined as a portion with section modules in a longitudinal direction which are smaller than other portions of the connecting portion so as to have a decreased thickness, wherein a longitudinal location of a vertex of said notch corresponds with a location of one of the rib ~~portion~~ portions of the connecting ~~[[part]]~~ portions; and

the notch portion is fracturable so that the tank is movable with respect to the vehicle when the tank is impacted.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A fluid reservoir comprising:

a reservoir tank for holding a fluid therein, said tank being positionable at an upper portion of an engine compartment of a vehicle;

first and second brackets connected with the tank so as to be installable in a vehicle;

a first attaching portion arranged with the first bracket and configured so that the tank is movable in a horizontal direction of the vehicle to absorb an impact force that acts on the tank in the horizontal direction when the tank receives an impact force larger than a predetermined value; and

a second attaching portion arranged with the second bracket and configured so that the tank is movable in a vertical direction to absorb an impact force that acts to the tank in the vertical direction when the tank receives an impact force larger than the predetermined value, wherein:

the first and second attaching portion each comprises a boss portion fixable to the vehicle and a flange portion arranged around the boss portion and connected to the tank;

the flange portion being moveable with respect to the boss portion so as to absorb the impact force to the tank;

the second attaching portion comprises a plurality of rib portions formed in said flange for connecting the boss portion to the flange portion;

the rib portions being fracturable so that the tank is movable with respect to the vehicle when the tank is impacted, said rib portions being spaced apart circumferentially with cavities formed therebetween and lie in a same plane as said flange portion;

the first attaching portion further comprising a plurality of thin plane portions formed in said flange so as to reduce a thickness portion thereof that are connecting the boss portion to the flange portion and are arranged between the rib portions; and

the thin plane portions are also fracturable so that the tank is moveable with respect to the vehicle when the tank is impacted.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): A fluid reservoir comprising:

a reservoir tank for holding a fluid therein; said tank being positionable at an upper portion of an engine compartment of a vehicle;

first and second brackets connected with the tank so as to be installed in the vehicle;

a first attaching portion arranged with the bracket so as to be fixable to the vehicle;

a first connecting portion arranged with the first bracket so as to connect the first attaching portion to the tank and configured so that the tank is movable with respect to the vehicle to absorb an impact force that acts on the tank when the tank receives an impact force larger than a predetermined value; and

a second attaching portion arranged with the second bracket and configured so that the tank is movable with respect to the vehicle to absorb an impact force that acts on the tank when the tank receives an impact force larger than the predetermined value, wherein:

the first and second attaching portion each comprises a boss portion fixable to the vehicle and a flange portion arranged around the boss portion and connected to the tank;

the flange portion being moveable with respect to the boss portion so as to absorb the impact force to the tank;

the second attaching portion comprises a plurality of rib portions formed in said flange for connecting the boss portion to the flange portion;

the rib portions being fracturable so that the tank is movable with respect to the vehicle when the tank is impacted, said rib portions being spaced apart circumferentially with cavities formed therebetween and lie in a same plane as said flange portion;

the first attaching portion further comprising a plurality of thin plane portions formed in said flange so as to reduce a thickness portion thereof that are connecting the boss portion to the flange portion and are arranged between the rib portions; and

the thin plane portions are also fracturable so that the tank is moveable with respect to the vehicle when the tank is impacted.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A reservoir according to claim 12, wherein:

the first connecting portion comprises a notch portion with section modules in a longitudinal direction which are smaller than other portions of the first connecting portion; and

the second attaching portion comprises a boss portion fixable to the vehicle, a flange portion arranged around the boss portion and connected to the tank, and a plurality of rib portions connecting the boss portion to the flange portion.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): A reservoir according to claim 13, wherein:

the notch is deformable or fracturable so that the tank is movable with respect to the vehicle; and

the rib portion is deformable or fracturable so that the tank is movable with respect to the vehicle when the tank is impacted.

Claims 15-16 (Canceled).